

# *Grace Presbyterian News*

## **February 2018**



### **Help Feed the Hungry on February 4**

The Souper Bowl of Caring began at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina, on Super Bowl Sunday 1990. It has grown to raise tens of millions of dollars to alleviate hunger over the years, so we hope you will support this effort on Sunday, February 4 with proceeds going to First Presbyterian, Memphis soup kitchen. Please bring your canned goods or monetary contributions Sunday, February 4.

### **Mardi Gras/Valentine Dinner and Movie – Saturday, February 10, at 6:00 pm**

Come and enjoy food, fellowship and a movie in the waning days before Lent begins. You can celebrate Valentine or Mardi Gras or both; dress as you will for either occasion. Sign up on the Friendship Pad on Sunday in worship or call the church office at 901.386.3241 to indicate you are planning to come.

### **Hug Bugs are Coming – Sunday, February 11**

Hug Bugs are coming – these are little googly-eyed pom balls with an I Love You note. Churchgoers fill out a form to send a hug bug to another church member and they will be delivered by our children and youth on Sunday, February 11.

### **Ash Wednesday – February 14 – Services at 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.**

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday; this year on February 14. These forty days invite us to introspection, confession, repentance, and amendment of life. It all begins with that solemn word, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” Many of us have no shortage of reminders that life is uncertain and brief. What do we make of this fact? Getting right with God and with neighbor would be a good response. The Scriptures and prayers and the imposition of ashes and Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper help mark a fitting and meaningful start to our Lenten journey. We also meet Tuesdays, beginning February 20, at 5:30 for our Lenten devotional series Tuesday at the Cross.

### **A Reminder of Weekly Events at Grace Presbyterian Church**

Sunday Prayer and Praise begins at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:45 p.m.

Sunday Worship begins at 11:00 a.m. (and remember, except for a white-out blizzard, worship is never cancelled; thanks to those who braved the elements on January 14)

Bell choir rehearsal is held most Sundays after worship at about 12:00 noon.

Chapel for the Extended Care is held on Mondays at 4:15 p.m.

Choir rehearsals are held in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

GrandPals read to children in the preschool on Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

## **Lenten Study – The Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

**Sunday School February 18 – March 18**

**and Tuesday at the Cross February 20 – March 20**

It is appropriate during Lent to take on an added spiritual discipline, and one way to do that this Lent is to join in a study of the creeds and confessions of faith that make up the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church. We will walk through these confessions, led by Don and LindaJo McKim and Mike Krech in a special Sunday School series meeting at 9:45 a.m. February 18 through March 18 and at Tuesday at the Cross, meeting at 5:30 p.m. February 20 through March 20. The McKims will lead the Sunday School class and Mike will lead Tuesday at the Cross (except for being gone one Tuesday.) So, come learn more about our core beliefs and the particular ways that we Presbyterian/Reformed Christians have expressed our faith in our historic confessions. Copies of the Book of Confessions are being ordered and will be available by the time the course begins.

### **Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings in February**

Night Circle meets Monday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Day Circle meets Tuesday, February 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

### **Game Night – Friday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m.**

Monthly game night is Friday, February 23. Bring a game and/or a snack and we will have fun.

### **A Financial Update from the Commitment Committee**

The church concluded 2017 in a very positive fashion relative to our finances. For the entire year, our income exceeded our expenses by \$6,666. This outcome is even more remarkable considering that in December the church spent \$5,899 in order to replace the carpet in the sanctuary. The total amount of pledged offering received was \$1,907 more than the amount actually pledged for the year, and total church income was \$4,837 more than budget projections. So we have now experienced a budget surplus in each of the last two calendar years. In 2016, the church's income exceeded expenses by \$3,606. The session would like to express our sincerest appreciation to all those who supported the church through their giving in 2017. Because of the generosity and faithfulness of our congregation, the church's financial condition is very stable, and we look confidently to the future as we continue to expand our ministry and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in our community.

John Price

Commitment Committee Chair

### **Session Chairs and Officers for 2018**

The elders who serve on the session each chair a committee, and here is the lineup for 2018. If you have interest in certain areas of the church's life, speak to the appropriate elder about how to help:

Care – Ruth Ellen Cox

Child Care – Brooks Keiser

Christian Education – Emily Mayne

Commitment – John Price

Congregational Life – Paula Bishop

Mission Outreach – Bob Harrold

Property – Kevin Bopp

Worship – Rosemary Gordon

Clerk of Session – Elizabeth Velazquez

Treasurer – Jere Lawson

### **Visitors in Worship who signed the register in January 2018**

Nadiyah Gibbs, Memphis; Shawn McGoldrick, Memphis; Don and LindaJo McKim, Germantown; Dan & Roseann Mayo, Bartlett; Jerome Schlichte, Cordova; Steve White, Olive Branch MS.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers  <i>Charlotte Hicks</i>	3
4 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Souper Bowl of Caring Bell Choir after worship	5 4:15 pm Chapel for Extended Care  <i>LindaTolley</i>	6	7 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal <i>Marilyn Wilson</i>	8 <i>Kathy Cooke</i>	9 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers	10 6:00 pm Mardi Gras/ Valentine Dinner/ Movie
11 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Transfiguration Sunday Hug Bugs given out; Bell Choir after worship	12 4:15 pm Chapel for Extended Care  7:00 pm Night Circle of PW	13 10:00 am Day Circle of PW  <i>Hugh Bishop</i>	14 Ash Wednesday 12:00 noon Worship  6:30 p.m. Worship/ Choir Rehearsal following	15	16 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers  <i>Vickie Washburn</i>	17
18 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Lent 1 Bell Choir after worship <i>Janet Vawter</i>	19 4:15 pm Chapel for Extended Care  5:30 p.m. Session Mtg  <i>Mary Korowin</i>	20 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Cross	21 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	22	23 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers  6:30 pm Game Night	24
25 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Lent 2 Bell Choir after worship <i>Don McKim</i>	26 4:15 pm Chapel for Extended Care	27 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Cross	28 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal <i>Suzanne Getman</i>			

### **Elders Serving Communion**

February 14 (Ash Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m.:  
John Gordon, Sandy Kehrl, Brooks Keiser,  
Mary Korowin, John Price

### **Usher Schedule**

February 4 & 11: Ruth Ellen Cox & Anna Tate

February 14 (Ash Wednesday):  
Greg Price & John Price

February 18 & 25: Bob Harrold & Gabe  
Davenport

### **Closing Elder**

February 4: Emily Mayne

February 11: Ruth Ellen Cox

February 18: Elizabeth Velazquez

February 25: Bob Harrold

### **Lectionary Scripture Readings for Worship:**

**Feb. 4:** Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11;  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

**Feb. 11:** 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6;  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

### **Feb. 14 (Ash Wednesday)**

Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

**Feb. 18:** Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

**Feb. 25:** Genesis 17:1-7,15-16; Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

### **A Prayer for the Transfiguration**

**O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah; and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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